DRUG ENFORCEMENT SECTION

ANTI DRUG ABUSE (ADA) ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Program Description

The Anti-Drug Abuse Program supports Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces in each of California's 58 counties to the combat the illegal manufacturing, distribution and drug sales. The program integrates federal, state and/or local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors for the purpose of enhancing interagency coordination and intelligence in the facilitation of multi-jurisdictional investigations.

These task forces are cooperative projects involving two or more law enforcement entities having different jurisdictional responsibilities working together as a team to enforce drug laws. The focus is on the investigation of mid-level or high-level traffickers of illegal drugs in neighboring jurisdictions, and on the prosecution of arrested subjects. Formal agreements are created with all participating agencies agreeing to work as a team when enforcing the state and local controlled substances laws.

Eligibility

Counties and select state agencies previously funded under this program are eligible to submit an application for the ADA Enforcement Program to support a multi-jurisdictional drug task force. The eligibility criteria specific to the counties include implementation of an ADA Steering Committee to submit the application under one cover, administer the ADA grant, act as the single point of contact for the grant and be a unit of county government; and, include evidence of a Drug-Endangered Children (DEC) program.

Authorized by

Federal Justice Assistance Grant Program 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Act/California State Legislature

Fund Source and Amount

Federal Justice Assistance Act - \$15,451,308

Grant Award Period

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date

On-going non competitive May, 2008

Additional Program Information

Applicants are required to prepare a plan to address illegal drugs and the associated violence in their jurisdiction and to determine how the JAG funds will be used to implement this plan. Funds are to be used to enforce the State and local controlled substances laws and to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system with emphasis on drugs through multi-jurisdictional drug task forces. This plan must be created for each county by their ADA Steering Committee and must be a cooperative, collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach. The Steering Committee must have the mandatory participation of law enforcement, prosecution, probation agencies, and county drug administrators. Applicants are also encouraged to include school superintendents, judges, the Public Defender, state/federal enforcement agencies, treatment and rehabilitation professionals, and additional agencies appropriate to their project. The Program defines the role of prosecutors as support only and is not a vertical prosecution program. No ADA grant may budget solely in support of prosecution.

Where Do I Get More Information?

This program is administered by the Drug Enforcement Section of the Drug and Counter Drug Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 327-5664.